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**From:** Mylott, Richard  
**Sent:** Mon 8/10/2015 9:45:34 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry

EPA has taken steps to capture and treat residual discharge at the Gold King mine, addressing the risk of additional downstream impacts. We have constructed four ponds at the mine site and are treating water by lowering acidity levels and removing dissolved metals. This system is discharging treated water to Cement Creek at levels cleaner (higher pH and lower levels of metals) than pre-event background conditions in the creek. Over the next several days, EPA will make upgrades to the system to ensure its continued operation.

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Hi Richard,

Missed the top of the conference call.

Is the waste water still flowing into the river or has the debri dam been repaired?

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Kelly-- EPA has been working with the State and local partners to investigate and address several mines that pose water quality concerns in the upper Animas watershed, and has had recent discussions with stakeholders about potential Superfund listing as a set of tools and resources to achieve results across the basin. It would be difficult to estimate a timeframe on how long a comprehensive Superfund investigation and cleanup might take.

Rich Mylott

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Hi Richard,

It has been mentioned that one possible response to this spill (thought certainly not definite) would be to declare the area a superfund site. If it were to come to that, how long of a process would a superfund cleanup be? Is there any way to gauge that at this early stage?

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**Alicia- thanks, will do. Fyi.**

**Aug 10, 3 PM MTN: EPA Daily Media Call on Gold King Mine Release**

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**COLORADO, DALLAS, SAN FRANCISCO** – (August 9, 2015) EPA is providing daily updates for members of the media via conference call. In order to provide better service and audio quality, we will use our operator assisted conferencing service.

**WHO:** EPA Officials from Denver, Dallas and San Francisco (varies by date)

**WHEN:** August 10, 3 PM (Mountain, MT)

**WHERE:** Conference Dial-in Number:

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Conference Identification: Nonresponsive Conference Code Gold King Mine Release – EPA Media Update

On Aug. 5 while investigating Gold King Mine in Colorado, EPA and State Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety triggered a large release of mine wastewater into Cement Creek. EPA is working closely with first responders and local and state officials to monitor water contaminated by the spill. The spill path flows through 3 of EPA's regions (Region 8 (Colorado/Utah & Southern Ute Tribe); Region 6 (New Mexico), and Region 9 (Navajo Nation). EPA has activated its Emergency Operations System to ensure coordinate on among its regions, laboratories and national program offices in Washington DC. EPA is closely coordinating with the officials in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Southern Ute Tribe and Navajo Nation.

For the latest information, photos, and data, visit  
[http://epaossc.org/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=11082](http://epaossc.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=11082)

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**Subject:** Press Inquiry

Hi,

Checking to see if there are any updates on the Gold King Mine spill?

Also, will you please add my address, as well as Fox News Channel field producer Kelly Burke to your contact/email list?

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Thanks so much,

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